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The Peralta Federation of Teachers heads into tonight's meeting of the PCCD's Board of Trustees—set for 7 p.m. at [333 E. Eighth St.](#)—with a few questions.

First, how can trustees be asked to entertain another contract extension for Chancellor Jowel C. Laguerre so soon? The proposed arrangement would give the district chief a raise and keep him in the district's top office through 2020.

PFT likes and respects Laguerre, who saw all three major bargaining units conclude multiyear deals last year. But with ongoing enrollment decline, chronic administrative bloat, runaway expenditures at the DO, and deep uncertainty about a proposed stadium, it's hard to guess why now's the right time for a re-up. It's even harder to understand how the extension came about without any feedback from faculty leaders.

Next, with so much money sloshing around the district office, why can't the DO complete the part-time salary-advancement project that started with a fall '16 grievance? It's high time the district complied with the CBA and made good on its commitments to the union and its part-time faculty.

Finally, how many times will PFT have to decry the district's misuse of interim administrative appointments? Even after the union's public comments last month, tonight's agenda doesn't show any movement to fix the problem. When will the positions be advertised and permanent hires, selected through real shared governance, be made?

PFT will relay whatever answers it gets, and report on any other developments, in the next edition of PCCD Board Watch.

In other news:

\*Today, Tu., Oct. 10, PFT holds its second General Membership Meeting of the year, 3:30-5 p.m. at College of Alameda, in Room D 119. Learn about PFT subcommittees, celebrate recent accomplishments, and join a conversation about union goals and how to meet them. All faculty are encouraged to attend and enjoy some light refreshments.

\*PFT's Committee on Political Education (COPE) meets Th., Oct. 12, 12-1 p.m. at the union offices, [500 E. Eighth St., Ste. B](#). All COPE members are urged to attend. For info, contact COPE President Jeff Sanceri at [sanceri@gmail.com](mailto:sanceri@gmail.com).

\*PFT's A's Working Group, set up by the union's executive council to develop Local 1603's formal position on a proposed stadium project on district land, will hold its first meeting Th., Oct. 12, 3-5 p.m., at the union offices. Don't miss it.

\*Mark your calendars for PFT's fall membership drive. Training takes place on Tu., Oct. 31, 2-4 p.m. at the union offices, with the drive coming to Laney Nov. 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8. More info on getting involved will be headed your way soon!

In solidarity,

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